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Attention: **BOX AF**

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 12, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on July 12, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed on June 18, 2002.

Pursuant to Continuation Sheet of the Interview Summary of October 15, 2001, the Applicant(s) respectfully request another examiner interview regarding the claim recitations of the present invention. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested because:

- (1) the amendment of claim 1 corrects a typographical error and does not raise new issues;
- (2) new claim 9 should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new issues are being raised; and
- (3) the amendment(s) place the application at least into a better form for purposes of appeal.

Further, the amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the

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